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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

- 1) (previously presented) A fibrous layer for personal care products comprising micro-fine fibers deposited as an aqueous slurry onto a nonwoven web that is inherently wettable or treated to be hydrophilic, and subsequently dried.
- 2) (previously presented) The fibrous layer for personal care products of claim 1 wherein said micro-fine fibers have an average diameter under 0.5 microns.
- 3) (original) The fibrous layer of claim 1 wherein said nonwoven web is produced from a method selected from the group consisting of meltblowing, spunbonding, coforming, bonding and carding, and airlaying.
- 4) (currently amended) The fibrous layer of claim [[ 2 ]] 1 wherein said nonwoven web has between 0.1 and 5 weight percent micro-fine fibers.
- 5) (original) The fibrous layer of claim 1 wherein said nonwoven web comprises inherently wettable fibers.
- 6) (original) The fibrous layer of claim 1 wherein said nonwoven web comprises hydrophilically modified polymers.
- 7) (original) A diaper comprising the fibrous layer of claim 1.
- 8) (original) A training pant comprising the fibrous layer of claim 1.
- 9) (original) An incontinence product comprising the fibrous layer of claim 1.
- 10) (original) A bandage comprising the fibrous layer of claim 1.
- 11) (original) A sanitary napkin comprising the fibrous layer of claim 1.
- 12) (previously presented) The fibrous layer of claim 1 wherein said deposited microfine fibers have a negative charge.
- 13) (previously presented) The fibrous layer of claim 4 wherein said deposited microfine fibers have a negative charge.
- 14) (previously presented) The fibrous layer of claim 1 wherein said deposited microfine fibers are wettable.
- 15) (previously presented) The fibrous layer of claim 4 wherein said deposited microfine fibers are wettable.